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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD
9643 BROOKLINE AVENUE, SUITE 121
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1433
April 9, 2018

At 8:00 a.m. on April 9, 2018 Christopher P. Knotts, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Board's office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the following members present:

Christopher P. Knotts, P.E. Chairman
Paul N. Hale, Jr., Ph.D., P.E. Vice Chairman
Alan D. Krouse, P.E. Treasurer
Thomas R. Carroll, III, P.E., P.L.S. Secretary

D Scott Phillips, P.E., P.L.S.
Charles G. Coyle, III, P.L.S.
Jeffrey A. Pike, P.E.
Christopher K. Richard, P.E.
Chad C. Vosburg, P.E.
Edgar P. Benoit, P.E.
Wilfred J. Fontenot, P.L.S.

Also present: Donna D. Sentell, Executive Director
Richard L. Savoie, Jr., P.E., Deputy Executive Director
Joe H. Harman, P.E., Technical Support Staff
Bill Tripoli, Board Staff
William Hyatt, Board Investigator
D. Scott Landry, Board Attorney

The invocation was led by Mr. Krouse and the pledge was led by Mr. Vosburg.

Public comment time was recognized by Chairman Knotts.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mr. Vosburg, to accept the April 9, 2018 proposed Call and Agenda, as amended, for the meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Pike, to approve the minutes from the January 30, 2018 Board meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Krouse, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to schedule the Board's next regular meeting for June 18, 2018.

Chairman Knotts charged the Education/Accreditation Committee with developing a matrix of "related science" undergraduate degrees and complementary engineering graduate degrees for presentation at the June board meeting.

At 8:50 a.m., Clarence J. Savoie, III, P.E. entered the meeting and addressed the Board concerning his pending litigation with the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

The Board recessed at 9:10 a.m. and resumed at 9:25 a.m.

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Compliance and Enforcement

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The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mr. Pike, to deny the request of **Anthony R. Venson** to reinstate his revoked professional engineer license.

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At 9:40 a.m. Miles Williams, P.E., Emeritus Member of the Board, entered the meeting to discuss pending legislation.

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Case #2015-62 – Mr. Hyatt reported on a professional land surveyor who committed fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or gave false or forged evidence, in applying for a renewal license with the Board. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

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1. Fine of \$500
 2. Costs of \$672.32

3. Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz
4. Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz
5. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
6. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Carroll, Mr. Coyle, and Mr. Phillips, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Alvin A. Fairburn, Jr., P.L.S.**

Case #2015-89 – Mr. Hyatt reported on an unlicensed firm which used the words “land surveyor”, “land surveying” or a modification or derivative thereof in a person’s name or form of business or activity without proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Fine of \$500
2. Costs of \$1,034.02
3. Cease and desist
4. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
5. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Phillips, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Crosby, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Commercial & Industrial Layout, Inc.**

Case #2016-55 – Mr. Hyatt reported on a land surveyor intern who offered to practice land surveying and used the words “land surveyor”, “land surveying” or a modification or derivative thereof in a person’s name or form of business or activity without proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Fine of \$2,000
2. Costs of \$515.95
3. Cease and desist
4. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
5. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Carroll, Mr. Pike and Mr. Richard, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Phillip J. Landry, Jr.**

Case #2016-56 – Mr. Hyatt reported on unlicensed firm which offered to practice land surveying and used the words “land surveyor”, “land surveying” or a modification or derivative thereof in a person’s name or form of business or activity without proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Fine of \$1,500
2. Costs of \$506.58
3. Cease and desist
4. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
5. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Carroll, Mr. Pike and Mr. Richard, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **C3E Geomatics LLC.**

Case #2016-58 – Mr. Hyatt reported on an unlicensed firm which practiced and/or offered to practice engineering and used the words “engineer”, “engineering” or a modification or derivative thereof in a person’s name or form of business or activity without proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Fine of \$2,000
2. Costs of \$1,287.58
3. Cease and desist
4. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
5. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Pike, Mr. Richard and Mr. Knotts, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Toyo Engineering Corporation.**

1 **Case #2017-23** – Mr. Hyatt reported on a professional engineer who aided or assisted
2 another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The respondent has
3 signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review
4 Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 5 1. Fine of \$500
- 6 2. Costs of \$1,043.63
- 7 3. Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz
- 8 4. Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz
- 9 5. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 10 6. Report to NCEES with name

11 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
12 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Pike, Mr. Richard and Mr. Knotts, to approve the
13 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Binh Van Luong, P.E.**

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15 **Case #2017-35** – Mr. Hyatt reported on a professional engineer who aided or assisted
16 another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The respondent has
17 signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review
18 Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 19 1. Fine of \$500
- 20 2. Costs of \$392.65
- 21 3. Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz
- 22 4. Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz
- 23 5. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 24 6. Report to NCEES with name

25 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
26 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Pike, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Richard, to approve the
27 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Samuel B. Charters, P.E.**

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29 **Case #2017-36** – Mr. Hyatt reported on an unlicensed firm which practiced and/or
30 offered to practice engineering without proper licensure. The respondent has signed
31 and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review
32 Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 33 1. Fine of \$1,500
- 34 2. Costs of \$392.65
- 35 3. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 36 4. Report to NCEES with name

37 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
38 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Pike, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Richard, to approve the
39 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Charters Technical Services,
40 L.L.C.**

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42 **Case #2017-38** – Mr. Hyatt reported on a professional engineer who aided or assisted
43 another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The respondent has
44 signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review
45 Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 46 1. Fine of \$500
- 47 2. Costs of \$405.77
- 48 3. Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz
- 49 4. Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz
- 50 5. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 51 6. Report to NCEES with name

52 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
53 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Pike, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Richard, to approve the
54 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Jean M. Thibodeaux, P.E.**

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56 **Case #2017-39** – Mr. Hyatt reported on an unlicensed firm which practiced and/or
57 offered to practice engineering without proper licensure. The respondent has signed
58 and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review
59 Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 60 1. Fine of \$1,500
- 61 2. Costs of \$405.77
- 62 3. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 63 4. Report to NCEES with name

64 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
65 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Pike, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Richard, to approve the
66 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **J. Thibodeaux and Associates,
67 LLC.**

1 **Case #2017-52** – Mr. Hyatt reported on a professional engineering firm which
2 practiced and/or offered to practice engineering with an expired license. The
3 respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the
4 Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following
5 sanctions:

- 6 1. Fine of \$3,000
- 7 2. Costs of \$353.93
- 8 3. Past unpaid renewal fees of \$240
- 9 4. Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz by supervising professionals
- 10 5. Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz by supervising professionals
- 11 6. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 12 7. Report to NCEES with name

13 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
14 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Pike, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Richard, to approve the
15 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Cornerstone Engineering, Inc.**

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17 **Case #2017-53** – Mr. Hyatt reported on a professional engineer who **(a)** as a
18 supervising professional failed to renew his firm’s license and **(b)** aided or assisted
19 another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The respondent has
20 signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review
21 Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 22 1. Fine of \$500
- 23 2. Costs of \$353.93
- 24 3. Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz
- 25 4. Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz
- 26 5. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 27 6. Report to NCEES with name

28 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
29 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Pike, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Richard, to approve the
30 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Andrew K. Lewis, P.E.**

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32 **Case #2017-54** – Mr. Hyatt reported on a professional engineer who **(a)** as a
33 supervising professional failed to renew his firm’s license and **(b)** aided or assisted
34 another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The respondent has
35 signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review
36 Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 37 1. Fine of \$500
- 38 2. Costs of \$353.93
- 39 3. Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz
- 40 4. Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz
- 41 5. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 42 6. Report to NCEES with name

43 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
44 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Pike, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Richard, to approve the
45 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **James E. Wright, Jr., P.E.**

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47 **Case #2017-56** – Mr. Hyatt reported on a professional engineer who practiced
48 and/or offered to practice engineering with an expired license. The respondent has
49 signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review
50 Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 51 1. Fine of \$3,000
- 52 2. Costs of \$371.84
- 53 3. Past unpaid renewal fees of \$240
- 54 4. Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz
- 55 5. Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz
- 56 6. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 57 7. Report to NCEES with name

58 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
59 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Pike, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Richard, to approve the
60 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Tom W. LeJeune, P.E.**

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62 **Case #2017-57** – Mr. Hyatt reported on a professional engineering firm which **(a)**
63 aided or assisted another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board and
64 **(b)** had a representative who practiced and/or offered to practice engineering with an
65 expired license. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order
66 offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained
67 the following sanctions:

- 68 1. Fine of \$500
- 69 2. Costs of \$371.84

3. Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz by supervising professionals
4. Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz by supervising professionals
5. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
6. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Pike, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Richard, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Associated Design Group, Inc.**

Case #2017-58 – Mr. Hyatt reported on a professional engineer who **(a)** as a supervising professional failed to ensure that all professional services provided by his firm were performed by or under the responsible charge of an active licensee and **(b)** aided or assisted another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Fine of \$500
2. Costs of \$371.84
3. Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz
4. Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz
5. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
6. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Pike, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Richard, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Lawrence W. Blanchette, P.E.**

Case #2017-59 – Mr. Hyatt reported on a professional engineer who **(a)** as a supervising professional failed to ensure that all professional services provided by his firm were performed by or under the responsible charge of an active licensee and **(b)** aided or assisted another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Fine of \$500
2. Costs of \$371.84
3. Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz
4. Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz
5. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
6. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Pike, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Richard, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Robert C. Campbell, II, P.E.**

Chairman Knotts appointed Mr. Krouse, Mr. Vosburg, Mr. Fontenot and Mr. Carroll (alternate) to serve on a second standing Complaint Review Committee.

The Board recessed at 11:55 a.m. for lunch and resumed at 12:50 p.m.

Committee Reports

Laws and Rules Committee

Chairman Knotts presented the report for the Laws and Rules Committee. The Laws and Rules Committee will present several rule changes at the June meeting for review and consideration by the Board.

Applications

Application Appeals

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Dr. Hale, to *table* the discussion regarding the application of Jairo **Arana** for licensure as a professional engineer by comity and to request that Board staff obtain additional information for review at the June Board meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the reviewing committee, comprised of Mr. Knotts, and Mr. Pike, to affirm the reviewing committee's decision to *disapprove* the application of Eric **Booher**, for licensure as a professional engineer by

1 comity based on not satisfying the application requirement of successfully completing
2 the Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz and the Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz.
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4 **Committee Reports (continued)**

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6 **Finance Committee**

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8 Mr. Krouse presented the report for the Finance Committee.
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10 The Board unanimously approved the motion by the Finance Committee to accept the
11 finance report for FY 17-18 as presented.
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13 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to
14 renew the certificate of deposit at Home Bank when it matures on April 9, 2018.
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16 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to
17 renew the certificate of deposit at Citizen's Bank when it matures on April 23, 2018.
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19 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to
20 renew the certificate of deposit at Investar Bank when it matures on May 24, 2018.
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22 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to
23 renew the certificate of deposit at Red River Bank when it matures on June 4, 2018.
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25 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr.
26 Coyle, to authorize Mr. Krouse (as the Treasurer of the Board) to sign Board checks.
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28 **Old/New Business**

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30 Chairman Knotts designated Mr. Krouse, Mr. Richard and Mr. Knotts to be the Board's
31 funded delegates to the annual Gulf States Engineering Conference to be held on June
32 10-12, 2018 in Destin, Florida.
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34 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr.
35 Coyle, to approve Board members, Emeritus members and Board staff to attend the
36 NCEES Annual Meeting on August 15-18, 2018 in Scottsdale, Arizona and to authorize
37 funding to cover travel, five nights lodging, five days per diem and meals.
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39 **Closing Business**

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41 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr.
42 Richard, to approve all committee recommendations and actions.
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44 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr.
45 Krouse, to acknowledge and confirm all licenses and certificates issued and renewed
46 since the last Board meeting.
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48 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr.
49 Vosburg, to approve all Board expenses.
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51 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Benoit, seconded by Mr.
52 Fontenot, to adjourn.
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54 The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2018.
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59 Christopher P. Knotts, P.E.
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59 Thomas R. Carroll, III, P.E., P.L.S.
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